REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 6, 13 and 16-18 are amended and claim 7 is cancelled. This Amendment is necessitated by the Examiner's Amendment, which was not agreed to by Applicants. Because the Examiner's Amendment was not authorized by Applicants, the Examiner's Amendment cannot cancel claims (M.P.E.P. §1302.04).

Applicants agree to the cancellation of claim 7.

Applicants do not agree to the cancellation of claim 6. It is believed from earlier conversations with the Examiner, that the Examiner is under the impression that claim 6 is inconsistent with an embodiment having the shunt claimed in claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that claim 6 is not inconsistent with claim 1. Claim 6 requires only two guide rails, one of the two guide rails can be located next to one of the edges of the window shade web, and the other of the two guide rails can be located next to the other of the edges of the window shade web. This embodiment is not inconsistent with having a shunt as in claim 1.

By this Amendment, the dependency of claims 6, 13 and 15-18 is changed to correspond to the Examiner's renumbering of the claims.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application including this amendment is in condition for allowance.

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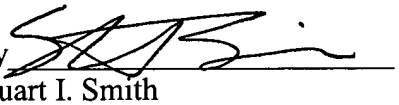
Respectfully submitted,

By 

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